

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application, the Office Action has been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-15 are patentable over the prior art of record and would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-15 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner's thoughtful suggestions have been adopted and proper antecedent basis has been provided where appropriate. With respect to the rejection of claims 6, 11 and 13 regarding the recitation of the stopper piece and the Examiner's suggestion that it did not appear on the drawings, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant invites the Examiner's attention to Figure 3 which shows the claimed stopper piece 40 as described in the claim and as described in the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 of the specification. If the Examiner maintains this rejection, he is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the matter further.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal

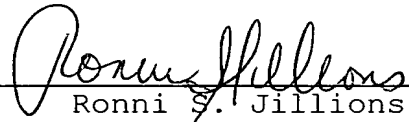
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of the outstanding rejections of records. Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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